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For: CONDUIT WITH HEATED WICK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-designated application, kindly amend Figure 8 as shown in the attached sheet of drawings. Applicant submits that no new matter has been included in this Amendment.

Figure 8 has been amended to remove reference numerals 82 and 84 which were not provided in the specification as originally filed. In addition, reference numeral 83 has been added to show the reinforcing threads 83 in accordance with the description on page 5 paragraphs 3 and 5, page 6 paragraph 2, and page 8 paragraph 4. The shape of the reinforcing threads 83 disclosed in the description on page 5 paragraphs 3 and 5, page 6 paragraph 2, and page 8 paragraph 4 are that the reinforcing threads 83 run parallel to the length of the conduit and supported on helical reinforcing ribs 30. The lower portion of Figure 8 as originally filed showed a helically wound overlapping outer layer supported on the helical bead 30 and not

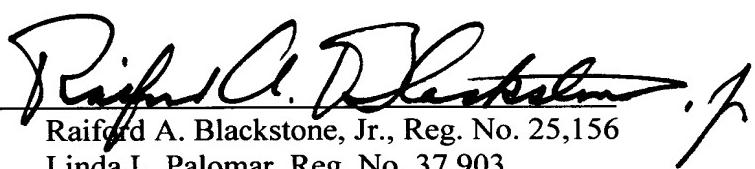
reinforcing threads as disclosed in the description. Therefore, Figure 8 has been amended to conform to the description. Applicant submits that no new matter has been included. Entry of these amendments is requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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